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UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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FOR: METHOD OF DESCREENING SCREENED IMAGE, METHOD OF
SEPARATING SCREENED IMAGE INTO REGIONS, IMAGE PROCESSING
DEVICE, AND PROGRAM

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 44 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Priority Claimed.
- ☒ Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. P2002-365054
Japanese Patent Application No. P2002-374349
Japanese Patent Application No. P2003-20216
- ☒ 17 sheets of formal drawing.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to DAINIPPON SCREEN MFG. CO., LTD.
and the assignment recordation fee.
- ☒ An associate power of attorney.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

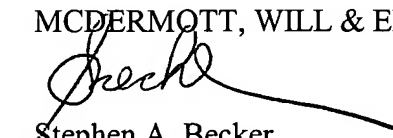
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